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CONTROLLING THE DISK ARRAY DEVICE  
AND STORAGE SYSTEM

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

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